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Fred Hahn
Chief Procurement Officer
Capital Development Board
Executive Ethics Commission
377C Stratton Office Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Re: 50-35 Potential Conflict of Interest

Dear Mr. Fred Hahn,

In accordance with the requirements of Section 50-35 of the Illinois Procurement Code, I have reviewed your request received June 15, 2012 and understand the facts to be as follows:

1) The Capital Development Board has issued a request for a review and comment on potential conflicts of interest disclosed by BLDD Architects, Inc.

2) The contract pertains to Architectural Services for CDB project 810-090-016 at the Spoon River College.

3) BLDD Architects, Inc. was selected without notice or competition, as permitted by the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act, 50 ILCS 510. The basis for the direct selection is a "satisfactory relationship for services".

4) The disclosure form submitted on behalf of BLDD Architects, Inc. indicates the following:

   a. Shari L. West spouse of Randall L. West serves as an Administrative Law Judge for the Department of Agriculture.
   b. Jill Maxey, spouse of Bruce Maxey is the Associate Director of Planning and Services at the U of I in Champaign.

5) The Capital Development Board confirmed that none of the disclosed individuals were in a position to influence the award of this contract. The Capital Development Board and CPO Fred Hahn indicate that it would be in the best interest of the State to approve this conflict of interest due to the using agency's needs and the value of the contract.

Based on the foregoing, you are requesting my review and comment pursuant to the Illinois Procurement Code.

Review and Comment

After careful review of the documentation provided, I do not view the relationships disclosed above as creating a conflict of interest sufficient to preclude the Capital Development Board from entering into a contract with BLDD Architects, Inc. for the services outlined in your letter received June 15, 2012.

Sincerely,

Will Blount
Assistant Director

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